MRS. BONINE AT BAR OF JUSTICE.

Pleads "Not Guilty" To Charge of Murder.

TRIAL OF THE AYRES CASE BEGINS

The Prisoner Breaks Down and Weeps-Pathetic Scenes in the Court Chamber-The Mother Meets Her Two Sons.

In the dingy little chamber which form one of the wings of the ancient "City Hall" of Washington, and which is officially known as Criminal Court No. 1. Lola Ida Hemry Bonine was this morning arraigned for the murder of James Seymour Ayres on the morning of May 15 last, at the Kenmore Hotel.

A frail little woman, bravely striving to force back the tears which welled from her eyes, stood alone before the bar as the clerk of the court droned out the terrible indictment:

"Whereas one Lola Ida Hemry Bonine did, with a pistol charged with gunpow der, and with leaden bullets, feloniously and with malice aforethought, assault, strike, and murder one James Seymour Ayres. To which, does the defendant plead guilty or not guilty?" the clerk

"I Am Not Guilty,"

The tears were mastered. The quiver ing mouth grew firm.

"Pam not guilty," was the reply.

The court chamber was packed to the doors. Mr. Benine, the husband of the been used up, and adjournment was had woman on trial, passed through the jury room and slowly, almost painfully, made his way to a little group of chairs placed directly behind the tables reserved for the attorneys. His face was drawn, haggard and yellow, and his hair, black a brief year ago, was streaked with grey.

Immediately following her husband came Mrs. Meacham, Mrs. Benine's sister. She appeared nervous, but spoke cheerfully to Mr. Bonine, Mrs. Meacham is a pleasant-faced little woman, closely resembling her sister. The affillicted ones conversed in a low tone for a few mo

ments. Entrance of the Prisoner.

At last there came a stir from the stairway leading to the vaults below and Depufy Marshal Springmann appeared with Mrs. Bonine. She was neatly and tastefully attired in a blue skirt and jacket, with a dark drab waist. She wore a black hat, trimmed with lace and feathers. Her face was covered with a thin black veil. She made her way rapidly to the side of her loyal husband and seated herself, giving him one glance, the look of true womanly affection for the man to whom she had plighted her troth. The pleasure of the meeting beamed from her face, and this woman with the most heinous of all

Directly behind Mr. and Mrs. Bonine sat Mrs. Meacham. Deputy Marshal Springman stationed himself to the left of the prisoner, but with thoughtful courtesy moved away far enough to leave the husband and wife to themselves. The Fountain of Tears Breaks.

But a few words passed between the

two when great tears coursed down the little woman's cheeks and she bowed her head in genuine sorrow. The husband looked crushed and de

jected and remained throughout the day with stooped shoulders and downcast eyes. Once during a lull in the proceed ings, he again engaged in earnest conver sation with his wife, and she seemed the better for what he said. She raised her veil and looked earnestly at those around The Mother Greets Her Boys,

The saddest scene of the day came about when the indictment having been read and the plea made, a court usher entered with two little boys, who appeared sadly out of place amid such surroundings. They were Chesleigh, aged thirteen, and Maurice, aged fifteen, Mrs. her boys witness her trial for murder seemed to be overcome by the pleasure of tered she called them to her. Both sat by their father, however, and manifested the deepest interest in the proceedings. Both are bright and intelligent looking and both wear large glasses, which make them look older than they really are.

From time to time the mother turned to the boys with a confident smile, but they were all too deeply engrossed in the challenging of the jurors to see that a heart was hungering for even a glanc from them. It was a sed little drama, and the pity of these who witnessed it went out to the mother far more than is the children. They could not understand The realization was all too bitter for

Seenes in the Court Room.

Justice Anderson, stern and stolid, with beads of perspiration exuding from his bald head, evinced the keenest interest in the proceedings. He held a wooden penholder in his hand and with it absent. mindedly beat the surface of his desk almost incessantly. Below the justice sat Frank W. Smith, the clerk of the court nervously pushing a big yellow pencii through his hair.

Ranged in a formidable row across the front of the bar sat the lawyers in the case. To the right were the counsel for Mrs. Bonine, to the left the Prosecuting Attorney and his assistant. Charles Douglass, chief counsel of the defence, appeared even more dignified than usual.

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Beside him was his law partner, another

To the right sat A. E. L. Leckie, the wellnown one-armed lawyer. Next was Creed I. Fulton, who is very much in appearnce like William J. Bryan. Penned in little box on the extreme left sat Ash error of the evildoers of the District, whose powers as a prosecutor were conealed beneath a placid, even pleasant

lemeaner. At his side was H. T. Taggart, who con iantly brushed back his snowy hair with

To the rear was stationed a corps of ewspaper men and artists representing early every newspaper of importance in he country. The amount of paper used p was a striking comment on the unusual terest taken in the case.

The Selection of the Jury.

For hours the challenging of jurors wa entinued. In her neatly gloved hand Mrs. Bonine held a tiny handkerchief which she nervously crushed during the ordeal. At times her hand sought that of her husband, and rested there for a few

Seldom did her husband raise his head ut on one occasion, when a juror stoutly held to the opinion that capital punishment was unjust, he leaved forward in his chair and eagerly listened to every word. When the juror was disqualified Mr. Bonine sank back with a look of pain. Many Had Expressed Opinions.

Fourteen jurors were excused or chalenged for various reasons. Four of these laimed to have formed such strong opinons on the case as to prevent their reurning a fair verdict. There was eviden all through the panel a strong desire to cape service on the case and all sorts of excuses were resorted to. One man got away because his wife was ill. Two others escaped on the ground that they might become ill during the trial. Two mere did not believe in capital punishplaced on the jury were all challenged by Charles Douglass, one of Mrs. Bonine's counsel, and all were compelled to retire, although each expressed a strong desire

The Panel Exhausted.

At 12:55 o'clock the reserve panel had un" tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The jurors selected thus far are as fol-

George H. Vermillion, John D. Robinson, Walter J. Fry, George P. Bury, Cornelius Carmedy, Henry E. Armstrong, Thomas F. Kane, George W. Thomas, Arhur Moore, William P. Colley, William L. Koontz, and George L. F. Downey, A fresh panel of sixty jurors was sum-moned to appear tomorrow morning. when an attempt will be made to complete the jury.

HAD A THOUSAND-DOLLAR BILL A Negro Woman's Wealth Leads to

Her Arrest. Ruth Jones, a young colored woman of repossessing appearance, was arrested his morning by Detective Sergeants Lacy. Baur, and Browne because she had had sion a \$1,000 bill, supposed to

belong to some one else. The woman startled the clerks in a own-towr store yesterday by presenting the bill in payment for some purchases. She was given the requisite change, how ever, and proceeded on her way. The proprietor of the store, being apprehensive that all was not right, reported the circumstance to the police and the wo was promptly placed under arrest.

She had \$81 in her possession when searched, but denied that she had ever had \$1,000 at one time.

police headquarters in that city. It was aid to be one of many bills that were aken of a roll of \$2,500.

The New York police have been comnunicated with regarding the matter, ut no reply has yet been received. A nessage has also been sent to Hugh O. entecost, of 346 Broadway, Murphy's

Lieutenant Smith, of the Alexandria flice, called at Police Headquarters this orning and stated that the father of the oman under arrest tried to change the ill in Alexandria last Thursday, but was

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

The Charge Against the City Treas. urer of Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 19.-Mayo iehl shortly after 11 o'clock this morn ng suspended City Treasurer Philip s ortage of more than \$50,000 having been discovered in that official's

will be a blow to the many friends of Mr. lerst, made throughout the State who ne was a member of the assembly. Mr. Gerst's record in the assembly won him his place as city treasurer.

The mayor formally notified Mr. Gerst of his suspension and also sent a formal otice to the city clerk for transmissio

Strenuous efforts have been made for the past week to prevent Mr. Gerst's sion. Politicians of all Pinds flock ed to the mayor's office and tried to induce him not to act against Mr. Gerst but the conditions were such that Mayor Diehl could not see his way to do so In his communication to Mr. Gers

which is the same as that sent to Cit Clerk Susdorf, the mayor charges that Mr Gerat had kept inaccurate and false book eccounts, whereby he made the cash on hand in his office to be upwards of \$50,000 more than really was on hand, also that evious to last March, when the books of the city treasurer's office were examied Mr. Gerst borrowed upwards of \$40,00 nd placed the money in the treasury un il after the examination was made, when he returned the money to the borrowers, thereby concealing the deficiency that ex

isted at that time. Another charge made by Mayor Dichl was that on August 1 last Gerst loaned \$8,000 of the city's money to the Metro politan Bank. This bank is now in process of liquidation and one of its officials, Jacob Pilcher, was on Gerst's bond.

The final charge made by the mayor and the one that may result in a crimina action is that during the past year Gerst appropriated to his own use various sums

MESSAGE READ TO THE CABINET

Generally Pronounced An Able Document.

SECRETARIES MAKE SUGEGSTIONS.

The President Pauses Frequently to Hear Opinions - Recommendations Said to be Very General in Character.

"The message is an able document." That was the opinion generally express ed by the five members of the Cabinet to n President Roosevelt today read nearly all of the message he will send to Congress. Secretary Hay and Attorney leneral Knox were absent.

Longer than any meeting held in the orief history of the Roosevelt Administra ion was the session of the Cabinet today Bound by the conventional reticence which surrounds the subject, the Cabinet officers would not discuss specific points

Several of the characteristic points of the document are known, however.

Recommendations General. First of all, the President does not

make any specific recommendations regarding legislation. He points out the accessity for action on certain conditions but does not define the character of the action. In some cases, the President, ment. The four colored men who were after indicating the point to be remedied enters into a dissertation on the principles involved. This is understood to be the case with regard to commercial con-

Matter of Ship Subsidies.

Although many persons have talked with the President to advise him on the question of what is genetically termed "ship subsidies" it is doubtful if these words will appear in the document. In some matters the President has made

deep investigation and his ideas are set forth with a remarkable mastery of Read by Mr. Roosevelt.

The President read the message himself He read rapidly and stopped frequently for suggestions. Several modifications were made at various places, May Be Typewritten.

The message at present is in the print s proof and will be materially altered before it is in shape to go to Congress. It is quite probable that the message will be sent to the Capitol in typewritten

In years gone by it has always been in Major Pruden, of the Executive office staff, who writes a beautiful, clear hand, has written many of the message Last year the final changes were made so late that the message was completed barely in time to reach Congress before

Favors a Tariff Commission.

Just before the Cabinet meeting today cretary Long presented Colonel Haskell, of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, to the President. In the reciproc ity convention Colonel Haskell will advocate the establishment of a tariff commission as a solution of the commercial problem now before the country.

the grim authority of the law had charged York to the effect that a \$1,000 bill had of a tariff commission of nine or eleven been stolen from John E. Murphy, of members could do much in the solution Providence, R. I., while in a saloon near of this problem. Its office would, of course, be advisory."

Colonel Haskell is the president of three large manufacturing companies and a man of influence in the New England manufacturing world.

The Indiana Judgeship. Now that Senators Fairbanks and Bev-

eridge, of Indiana, are in Washington is s expected that the President will soon fill the vacancy on the Federal circuit bench in that State, caused by the death of Judge Wood. Candidates for the place are galore, but the names of Judge Monks and Judge Baker, of the Suprem Court of Indiana, are heard most freently in Washington. Senator Fairbanks is sald to be looking

ifter the interests of Judge Monks, while the friends of Judge Baker rely on the efforts of the junior Senator from the loosier State to land their favorite in the much-sought place. A number of prominent Indianians have seen the President in regard to the appointment during the past two months, but President Roosevelt has decided not to make the appointment until after a conference with the Senators from that State.

The White House Gold Fish,

The gold fish in the basins of the Whit ouse grounds are in need of finny over coats these days. Soon they will be netted from the water and sent back to the Fish ission, where steam heat will render their winter home more comfortable than the cold waters in which they now have their habitat. The gold fish is an aristocratic member of the finny tribe. It little to its liking. As a rule, the fish are removed, and the fountains run dry ut this season of the year.

TO TAX WINANS' ESTATE. British Crown Authorities Seeking a Legacy Duty.

LONDON, Nov. 19 .- In the Court of Apals today the question of domicile raised by the administration of the estate the late W. L. Winans, formerly of Balimore, Md., came up for consideration The English Crown authorities seek to tates which cost £100,000 yearly to maintain. As against this, a gentleman gave evidence today that Mr. Winans was one of the most genuine Americans he had ever known. He declined to call peers by their hereditary titles and even dukes he would address by their Christian names.

Funeral of Henry Chanfran. LONG BRANCH, N. J., Nov. 19 .- The uneral of Henry Chanfrau, the actor, took pace here this morning from the Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Nerfolk & Washington Steamboat Co Delightful trips daily at 6:30 p. m. from foot h st. to Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia each, and Newport News. See ad. page 7. Dressed common Boards, \$1.25 per

MARCHING ON VINCENNES Army of Miners Gathering to Aid the

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1901.

WASHINGTON, Ind., Nov. 19-Threundred coal mirers are gathered in this ity waiting for the Baltimore and Ohio outhwestern westbound train to take em to Vincennes, where they will be ned by 500 other miners, who are no narching from surrounding towns to that

They expect to descend on the Prospec Hill mines at Viccennes and endeavor to ersuade the toa-enion men to stop work. ast night a delegation of Montgomer ners marched into Washington and held secret meeting with the local men, after which they visited the railroad agent and hartered three coaches to take them to Vincennes by the first train, Word was received last night that 450

en are marching to Vincennes from Princeton and several hundred from other urrounding mining towns. Fully 800 mer ire expected to be massed at the mines. The men are divided into companies ach of which has a captain. They say they will tolerate no violence and will employ only lawful methods to gain their They will not return until they have closed the mines down, they say, or ecured the union scale of wages. The men at Prospect Hill have been out

n a strike for several weeks for higher vages. Non-union men have taken their State President Van Horn, who was here last Friday, gave his consent to the

narching crusade FIERCE FIRE STARTS IN BALES OF HAY.

LOSS, THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

A Warehouse Destroyed and a Boy Believed to Have Lost His Life Beneath the Ruins.

Fire completely destroyed the feed arehouse of W. H. Michael, 725 to 731 Delaware Avenue northeast, this after noon. Every available fire apparatus in the city with the exception of three engine companies and two trucks was brought into service, and the flames were prevented with difficulty from spreading to the adjoining property.

The total loss will reach \$30,000, In iddition to the other property two freight ears standing on the siding within the uilding were completely destroyed. For the first time since its purchase the wa ter tower was brought into service and with two engines feeding four lines of hose into its blg nozzle, did effective

Discovered by a Driver. The flames were first discove 4 in the rear of the building by Scott Bowles, a olored driver who was feeding his horses in the stable adjoining the main building. They were issuing from bales of he building on the second floor and noified J. G. Dement, the foreman of the warehouse. Mr. Demect hurried to the rear to try to put out the fire, but seeing that it was beyond his control, rushed back to the office and telephoned to the Grain Exchange, where Mr. Michael was attending to some business.

Blinded by Smoke. As he placed the receiver again on the stiffed. Dement endeavoyed to reach the hooks which were open upon the desks smoke, and fearing that he would be overcome he crawled to the stairway. By

to the bottom of the stairway. The flames had by this time reached he front of the building, and scorched his clothing as he regained his feet and umped from a window on the first floor

to the ground. ner of Second and H Streets northeas and sent in an alarm from box 67 at 12:33 'clock. Assistant Chief Belt was one of the first to arrive in response to the alarm, and immediately directed the work of the firemen

A Boy Missing.

The fire is now under control, but the walls are shaky and in danger of collaps ing. It is rumored that a colored bo was in the telephone room of the burning cuilding, and it is feared that he is buried beneath the debris. He has not been se ince the fire begad.

DID NOT ELOPE WITH A BOER.

Miss Mabel Fowler Found With CHICAGO, Nov. 19 .- Miss Mabel Fow

r, who was reported to have eloped with Philip Louter Wessels, one of the Boer advocates in the United States, was found this morning with friends on the Wes

While her friends and detectives wer taking vigorous search for Miss Fowler he young woman says she was enjoying st at the home of N. B. McKenzie. Mr Wessels is now in New York city.

Miss Fowler gave as the reason for her eaving home that she could not agree with her mother.

ENDED HIS LIFE WHILE INSANE Body of Wealthy Pennsylvanian

Found Sitting in a Chair. SHAMOKIN, Pa., Nov. 19 .- Sitting up right in a chair in front of a desk in hi tore, the body of Charles D. Felix, a wealthy merchant, was found this morn

A gun was resting against his heart He had attached a string to the trigger and committed suicide by blowing out Mr. Felix was temporarily insane over

imagined business reverses, and thought

his family would have to go to the poor German Banker a Suicide. BERLIN, Nov. 19. Herr Otto Gram a director of a local bank at Leipzig ommitted suicide vesterday by shooting

quence of his firm's connection with th recent bank failures in Leipzig. 1x12 Bright Boards Still \$1.50 per

himself. His act was an indirect cons

EXPANSION OF AMERICAN TRADE

Reciprocity Delegates Begin Their Convention.

GREETINGS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT

Confusion Precedes Adoption of the Resolutions-Visitors Welcomed by Mr. Macfarland. Election of Officers.

Trade is the watchword of the convenion of manufacturers which met this norning in the large banquet hall of the Raleigh. Men representing almost every mercantile industry in the United States, and standing for the investment of hundreds of millions of dollars of capital were present when the first session of the National Reciprocity Convention was called to order.

The delegates, numbering about two undred, have that keen appearance, activity, and aggressive spirit which characterize the American business man. They are all men of experience, some of them of wide and varied experience, in the conluct of successful enterprises, in the proluction of those things which have brought their country to the front as one of the greatest commercial nations of the werld. A majority of the delegates are either of middle age, or past the me-

But there is also a liberal sprinkling of the younger element, men young in years, vet old in the knowledge which they posess of what constitutes successful busi-

To Expand American Trade,

They have met for an interchange of thought and coinion as to the best nethed of increasing American trade with foreign countries. Their discussions will be limited to the subject of reciprocity. but as this is a topic of almost boundless proportions the scope of the work of the convention is very broad.

Preliminary organization was effected his morning, and an address delivered by the permanent chairman. Theodore C. Search, of Philadelphia, the Chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, under the auspices of which the conference is being held. Then an adjournnoon, at which time the delegates recon-

Greeting to the President. During the morning the convention became somewhat confused over a proposition intended to send greeting to the President of the United States. It was sire on the part of every man present to advise Mr. Rocsevelt of the organization of the convention, and to send him congratulations upon his administration and Bowles ran to the office in the front of an assurance of faith in his purposes, but it was because the delegates went at the

matter blindly, For fifteen or twenty minutes a dozen the purport of which they did not know. for it had not been read. They insisted were any rules adopted for the government of the proceedings of the meeting. Roosevelt at Minneapoils and that of the

A Storm of Protests.

Before he could state what it was there were protests from a half-dozen mem hers, who insisted that all resolution should be referred to the committee on solutions. After a time someone asked what the resolution was, and the chairman, Mr. Search, stated that is object was to send a proper note of greeting

to the President of the United States. When the delegates appreciated the absurdity of the opposition, there was an outburst of laughter. A motion was made that the resolution be read Instead a substitute was carried adopting the report of the committee on rul Then unanimous consent was given to Mr. Nessen to read his resolution without referring it to the committee on resoluions, as provided by the rules.

Mr. Nessen read the following resolution, prefacing it by saying that he want ed its adeption to be the first official act

of manufacturing interests of every shade and character, and from every sec-tion of the United States, in convention

and his true devotion to the very bes interests of his country, and that we his him Godspeed in his iofly purposes o glying his country an Administration o its national affairs that shall win for him he approval and goodwill of all its peo

Resolved. That this resolution be enth transmit a copy of the same to the

The meeting was called to order by J.

Jeffrey, of Columbus, Ohio, and D. A. ompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., acted a mporary secretary. Commissioner Mac Mr. Macfarland's Welcome.

"The National Capital heartly welcomes is distinguished and representative thering. It appreciates the character of he delegates, the importance of the vasi-terests which they represent, and of the eat questions which are to be discussed the next few days. The future well-ling of the Republic brought by unexlanila Bay and Santiago, and the no les ignificant victories of our financiers and manufacturers, on the threshold of the new century marked the new position of the United States in the world and coment of its dealings with the other na

"Your very presence here in this Na-tional Reciprocity Convention shows that you have come in the spirit of President McKinley's last public utterance at Buf-falo, when he said, 'Reciprocity is the nat-ural outgrowth of our wonderful indus-

ry now firmly established. What we pr now armly established. What we pro-e beyond our domestic consumption is have a vent abroad. The excess to be relieved through a foreign out-and we should sell everywhere we and buy wherever the buying will en-tee our sales and productions, and reby make a greater demand for home or.

The period of exclusiveness is past. he expansion of our trade and commerce the pressing problem. Commercial wars re unprofitable. A policy of good will ad friendly trade relations will prevent prisals. Reciprocity treaties are in har-ony with the spirit of the times; meas-res of retaliation are not."
"The country awaits with interest your

conclusions as to the practical application of these ideas, with confidence that they will reflect the wisdom and efficiency which have made you leaders in its in-fustrial development."

Election of Officers. When it came to permanent organiza-tion, Theodore C. Search, of Philadelphia was chosen chairman, and, upon motio of Mr. Barbour, of Detroit, the following vice presidents were elected: Gen. W. F Oraper, Massachusetts; T. L. Hickman Georgia: Charles H. Harding, Pennsylvania; James Deering, Illinois; Hon. Titus

Sheard, New York; and Robert J. Morgan

Ohio. E. H. Sanborn, of Philadelphia, and

E. P. Wilson, of Cincinnati, were chosen President Search's Speech

Mr. Search, in his opening address, bunded the keynote of the convention

"It has been urged by those who have looked askance at this movement that we should let reciprocity alone. It seems very clear, however, that reciprocity will not let us alone, and the only thing for us to do is to meet it fairly and squarely, discuss it without fear and find out what there is in it.

"Now that is why we are here today, and we must recognize that there rests upon this convention a tremendous responsibility. Whatever action we may take will have direct bearing upon the weifare of all our industries, and not alone our manufacturing interests but also our entire commerce at home and

A Time for Facts.

"This is no time or place for sentiment or theories or for statements that canot be fully substantiated by facts. Let us deal in facts and not in mere fanciful oratory. I hope that all of you who are to participate in this convention feel the importance and responsibilities of this occasion as they impress me, and thus be led to speak and act only with full appreciation of the serious consequences. careful judgment, our most conscientious action and our most considerate regard for every interest that may be affected by what we say and do

I take it we are all agreed as to cern general propositions such as these: Reciprocity Propositions.

"That some of the duties embraced in

ur present tariff are no longer needful for the existence of the industries for for the existence of the industries for whose protection they were imposed.

"That many of our industries have reached a stage in their development where the home market alone cannot absorb their entire product and consequently new outlets are necessary for their continuous operation and the steady employment of their operatives.

"That the establishment of more cordial commercial relations with other necessary."

creased export trade is necessary "That if such applications of the princiild be of the Exchange, is a candidate for remore delegates discussed a resolution, our commercial and industrial interests "I judge that we are pretty well agreed as to the truth of these propositions. The problem with which we have to deaf After the officers of the convention had late President McKinley at Buffalo in support of his statements and 2s indicating that the time for a broad reciprocity

> rotection to American industries, PORTO RICO FLOURISHING

Governor Hunt Enthusiastle Over the Island's Prospects.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 .- Gov. William H. Hunt, of Porto Rico, who arrived from Porto Rico yesterday on the steamship Ponce, expresses himself as delighted with the island and its condit

Governor Hunt will go to Washington to confer with the President and others in regard to insular affairs, and will return to Porto Rico in time for the reconvening of the Legislature, which has been called to meet on January 1. Dr. B. M. Brumbaugh, Commissioner of

Education for Porto Rico, who arrived Philadelphia last night. Governor Hunt said:

the public of the continued prosperity of Porto Rico. Business in the island is steadily increasing. Sugar cane healthy. The crop will be about 100,000 ons this year, while new plantations are being started. There is a great deal of ugar land available, and there will be nore when the title to certain public ands is settled by Congressional action." Covernor Hunt laid stress on the importance of fostering the coffee plantaions, with a view to establishing ket for Porto Rican coffee in the United

"Coffee growers will realize more than alf a crop," he said, "the plants having couperated to this extent since the hur icane of 1889. The markets for Porto tico coffee are Germany, France, Italy, nd Spain, very little coming to the United States. The quality of the coffee is

"The results of the improved educa onal system are most gratifying. There re now about 50,000 children at school and the average attendance exceeds that of many States.

TO RELIEVE THE MACHIAS. Ganboat Marietta Sails for the 18th.

mus of Panama. The gunboat Marietta sailed from Key oat Machias of the duty of protecting American interests in the Isthmus of

The Machias will proceed to Hampton

Roads and will then undergo some re-

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 .- Among the par ngers who arrived on the steamer Ko-

nigin Luiz from Bremen and Southampton vere William Chamberlain, Major Carl Hoshstetter, Dr. J. McAdam, Captain Christ Oltmann, Dr. John H. Packard,

Boors \$1 each, White Pine, 11-2 in, Best Laths, Kiln Dried, \$2.75 per

TO CUT OFF THE REBEL SUPPLIES

General De Castro Here in Behalf of Colombia.

COMING TO WASHINGTON AT ONCE

President Castro of Venezuela Accused of Encouraging Revolutionists and Causing the Invasion.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 .- Among the pasengers who arrived this morning on the teamer Alleghany from Savanilla were Gen. Diedo A. De Castro, special commissioner of Colombia, and his secretary, Antonio L. Armenta,

General De Castro's Mission. General De Castro says his mission is o purchase war material and to prevent the purchase of such material by the revlutionists. He will go direct to Wash. ington to consult the Colombian Minis ter. Mr. Armenta, with the permission of General De Castro, says that the insurrection has been more significant than

the reports would seem. President Castro Blamed. "President Castro, of Venezuela, and he only, is the cause of the whole trouble," he added. "He has encouraged malcontents in our country in order to put down

those of his own. "We have not invaded Venezuela, but the Venezuelans have encroached upon us. Ecuador and Venezuela have combined against us. Now, however, Ecuador has elected a new President, who will not encourage such actions."

STOCK EXCHANGE CANDIDATES. W. B. Hibbs and W. A. Mearns Rivals

for the Presidency. W. B. Hibbs and W. A. Mearns are the andidates for the office of President of he Washington Stock Exchange. The ansual election of officers will take place in the board room of the Exchange tomorrow after the regular call.

Mr. Hibbs is the present incumbent of the office of president. He has held the position for three terms, and he has delined to accept the office a fourth time. His friends, however, consider the declination is the nature of a formality largey, and will offer his name in nomination Mr. Mearns is Secretary of the Exhange and is the logical candidate under "retation in office" rule of the Board,

if Mr. Hibbs is not to be the choice. Both andidates are popular and there is the greatest friendliness in the contest. Messrs. Charles P. Williams and Henry Hurt are the candidates for vice presi Frank H. Pelouze, formerly secretary, are to try for the office of secretary this year. Mr. J. V. Barross, the present Treasurer

mentioned for the office. A large number of names are mentioned for the two members of the Governing Committee that will be chosen. The Exchange will have its annual din-

election, and Mr. Walter Hieston is also

her tomorrow night at the Raleigh. THE BUFFALO SAFE.

Training Ship. Owing to rumors circulated yesterday that the United States training ship Buffalo had been wrecked in the Mediterranean, the Navy Department has received a number of enquiries today in regard to their truth. As a matter of fact the Buffalo left Teneriffe, Canary Islands, on November 9 for San Juan, P. R., where she is now due. The distance is about 2,600 nautical miles and the Buffalo can

make it at ordinary cruising speed in about ten days. Naval officials say the Buffalo should reach San Juan today or tomorrow, and assert that they cannot conceive how a rumor that she had been wrecked on the Mediterranean could have been started. The Buffalo was fermerly the Brazilian dynamite cruise: Nichterey. She has nearly four hundred landsmen on board. Capt. Charles T. Hutchins commands the

TO FINISH WORK ON TIME.

Industrial Commission to Shat Up Shop on December 15. The members of the Industrial Commission are rapidly winding up the affairs of the Commission. All the reports and documents will have been printed and delivered by December 15, on which day the Commission expires by limitation, the

last Congress having refused to extend

During the several years the Commission has been in existence it has examned many witnesses on different branches of industry, and has made several reports to Congress. Some of the reports, however, were never acted on by our na-

tional lawmakers. In the coming final report of the Comission there will be submitted to Congress some interesting observations en the trust question, but as to the recommendations of the Commission for trust egislation, there promises to be quite a

livergence of views. MR. HENDERSON'S CALL.

He Wants More Rural Free Deliveries in His District. Representative Henderson called on Suerintendent Machen; of the Rural Free elivery Division, this morning and re-

uested him to use his best endeavors to

tend the free delivery system in his listrict as extensively as possible. Mr. Machen is a most accommodating ntleman. He looked up the record and ound out that Mr. Henderson's district is ssed with a greater percentage of rural

Mr. Henderson assured Mr. Ma-

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chen of his everlasting friendship.